

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a lens barrel in which all of a plurality of lens groups are attached to a leading cylindrical body, whereas a movable lens group in the plurality of lens groups is moved by a driving source incorporated in the leading cylindrical body, whereby the lens barrel is less likely to be influenced by external forces and can be made smaller. The lens barrel comprises first, second, and third cylinders, and first, second, and third lens groups attached to the third cylinder, which is expanded earliest among the first second, and third cylinders. The first and third lens groups are fixed to the third cylinder, whereas the second lens group is disposed between the first and third lens groups so as to be movable along the optical axis.